

Manual relating to imports of feed and food of non-animal origin

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1 Introduction

EU legislation provides for the routine control of feed and food of non-animal origin being imported into the EU. In addition, due to the increased risk associated with certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain third countries, consignments of these products must undergo controls before their entry into free circulation is permitted.

In Ireland, the competent authorities for carrying out these controls are:

- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)
- Health Service Executive (HSE)

Revenue's Customs Service assists in the implementation of these controls by referring consignments of interest to DAFM or HSE, as appropriate.

For the purposes of this manual, the term 'importation' means the movement of feed and food products of non-animal origin into Ireland from countries other than EU Members States.

2 Legislation

Details of the relevant legislation in respect of these controls is listed at Annex I.

3 Restrictions

Border Control Posts (BCPs)

Products covered by these Regulations may only enter Member States through specific Border Control Posts (BCPs). The BCPs in Ireland are:

- Dublin Port
- Dublin Airport

Where an importer attempts to import a consignment subject to the Regulations listed in Annex 1, through a port or airport other than those listed above, the consignment should be detained and the matter should be reported immediately to the relevant competent authority. Contact details are set out at Annex II.

The products covered by these Regulations cannot be imported via any postal centre and any such products should be detained and the matter reported immediately to the relevant competent authority.

4 Action required

The following material is either exempt from or not required to be published under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

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5 Onward Transportation

In exceptional circumstances, the identity and physical checks on consignments may be carried out by the competent authority at the place of destination rather than at the point of importation. In these cases, Customs must ensure that any such movement of a consignment does not interfere with customs controls and that any potential duties payable are secured.

6 Risk Information Form (RIF)

The RIF should be used by staff to inform Customs authorities of other Member States of any significant irregularities which have come to light in respect of the importation of products covered by these regulations. For further information staff should contact:

Email: customsriskunitgroup@revenue.ie

7 Enquiries

Further enquiries can be directed to the Prohibitions & Restrictions Unit,

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Annex I

Link to FSAI website with relevant legislation

https://www.fsai.ie/food_businesses/imports_non_animal_origin/intro.html

EU LEGISLATION

[Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1793 as amended by Regulation \(EU\) 2020/625](#)

Imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin from third countries

[Regulation \(EU\) No 321/2011 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 10/2011](#)

Prohibition on infant feeding bottles containing Bisphenol A

[EU Decision 2011/884 as amended](#)

Genetically modified rice in rice products from China

[Regulation 2016/6 as amended](#)

Feed and food from Japan

[Regulation 284/2011](#)

Plastic kitchenware from China and Hong Kong

[Regulation 733/2008 as amended](#)

Concerning agricultural products from third countries following the accident at Chernobyl

[Regulation \(EU\) 2019/628](#)

Sprouts and seeds intended for sprouting

Annex II

COMPETENT AUTHORITY	CONTACT DETAILS
Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine	Feed Ph:01 5058766
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